



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/711,595 Confirmation No.: 7924
Applicant: Mamoru Shinohara
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Examiner: Samir Anwar Ahmed
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Customer No.: 33448

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAM

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to November 20, 2004. Applicant has already paid \$110 for a one month extension of time. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$870 as payment of the difference of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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